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ODD FELLOWS' HOME

PROVING GREAT INSTITUTION. A LARGE SURPLUS.

By E. E. Meredith in the Charleston Gazette.

The West Virginia I. O. O. F. Home for aged members of the Odd Fellows and their dependants, which is located at Elkins, and which has been open for six or seven years, is doing a splendid work. It houses ten old people and eighty orphans. It is maintained by a dollar a year tax on the members of the order in this state. There is now a surplus fund of \$30,000, which speaks much for the careful management of the institution.

The board of directors includes Thomas E. Hodges, Morgantown; S. B. Hart, Moundsville; J. L. Clark, Parkersburg; J. H. Stout, Clarksburg; Thomas Liveredge, Charleston; S. B. Hart is president and J. H. Stout is secretary of the organization. Mrs. Gertrude S. Nichols is matron of the Home, and B. R. Morrison is farm manager.

Orphans of Odd Fellows are placed at this home until eighteen and then efforts are made to secure positions for them. Five of the boys are in the army and navy, two or three young men are school teachers in West Virginia; and three or four girls have occupations secured through the home. As the institution is young yet there are not many "graduates."

The board of directors were gratified when over forty of the orphans got certificates of perfect attendance at school as home is but one and a half miles from Elkins. After school the boys work on the farm, and the girls find employment in the house, the cooking department, the dining room and laundry. They are also taught sewing and other arts.

Five of the boys were large enough to help the farm manager out last summer, and they planted 12 acres of corn, 2 1/2 of potatoes, 7 of oats, 5 of soybeans, of buckwheat, and a big garden. The harvest brought 585 bushels of potatoes, 90 bushels of onions, and other things in proportion.

The girls of the home are proud of their canning record for they "put up" 18 quarts of apples, 40 gallons of apple butter, 641 quarts of beans, 130 quarts of beets, 97 quarts of blackberry jam, 56 quarts of jelly, 96 gallons of pickles, 10 quarts of plums, 5 quart of peach butter, 21 quarts of peach jellies, 95 quarts of peaches, 20 gallons of sauer kraut, 449 quarts of tomatoes, 94 quarts of tomato preserves.

The health of the folks at the home is particularly good. There has only been one death to date from natural causes and there have been 153 children here. The death was that of Wesley Sharp Frankenberger, sent here by Parkersburg Lodge No. 1. He had been at the home six years and was sixteen years old when he died, at Davis Memorial Hospital, after an illness of eight weeks with typhoid fever.

A man who came about twenty miles through the storm Monday for a load of feed went home with a load of supplies. He was surprised to hear that a new fashioned Sunday had come in.

FROM A SOLDIER IN FRANCE

Ralph Flekes writes to his loved ones at home from "Somewhere in France," under date of Christmas Eve. He is a brother of Mrs. S. N. Hench, of Marlinton, with whom he spent last summer. He is with the engineers.

"I am in the Y. M. C. A., a new one that is having its opening tonight with a 25 piece orchestra from the infantry, and it is a good one, you may bet, or the Y. M. C. A. would not have it.

"One of the fellows received a box with some fruit cake and candy, and it was real old American fruit cake, the kind that puts the great big smile on your face.

"Our turkey did not come, so our Xmas dinner will have to be postponed. This is the first Xmas that I was ever away from home.

"I know you are all praying with me for my safe return, and I believe that I will be back to you all and as clean as I left you. The red wine is not on my menu.

"I am expecting to be moved in a day or two; where I do not know, but no matter where it is, I know that God will be with me, and with Him as a guide I will go anywhere and feel safe.

"It is pretty cold here today and we are all trying to keep as close as possible to the little wood stoves. Sam's letters were a great Christmas present and I can't tell you how much I appreciated them. We had a half-holiday today and can be out till 10 p. m., if we like. We were to be paid today, but for some reason our money was held up and I don't have the price of a toothpick in my kakis. We only have two meals tomorrow—9 a. m. and 3 p. m.—and I guess they will be as near the real thing as Uncle Sam can make them.

"I am working with a surveying party, but this next move is liable to land me in the office.

"I expect a couple of boxes from Mary, Bertha, Mildred and the Red Cross in a day or two and if anything in this world was ever appreciated more, I would like to see it. Was glad to get the Y. M. C. A. poster and I hope the thirty-five million comes easy. It is the greatest friend we Sammies have. If you don't believe me, ask one of them.

"The big show is about to begin so I will have to bring this letter to a close. I'm sorry I can't be with you tonight, but I have some very good friends around me and we are going to make the best of it. I have a great deal to be thankful for and I realize that there are thousands of fellows just as lonesome as I am.

"I am in perfect health and getting along fine.

"I wish you all a merry Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, and may God bless you, each and every one."

MARLINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. J. M. Walker, Pastor.
Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
Preaching at 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. The church will be well lighted at the night service. As this is the only preaching service of the day let us plan so we can be there. The pastor preaches at Westminster in the morning and at Huntersville in the afternoon. Public invited to all services.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the good people who came to our assistance during the illness and death of our dear husband and father. There is no language to express our appreciation and gratitude, but knowing they will be well rewarded according to Christ's word. Margaret Tracy and Family.
Linwood, W. Va.

Withdraw McClintic who has been disabled by a kick of a horse is about recovered from its effects.

SALVATION ARMY FUND

POCAHONTAS COUNTY IS EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE.

W. C. Householder has been appointed committeeman for Pocahontas County by Governor Cornwell in the million dollar campaign for the Salvation Army's war work. West Virginia is expected to contribute \$30,000—Pocahontas County's part of this amount would be \$300. Mr. Householder is taking hold of the matter with characteristic energy. He has received the following letter from Governor Cornwell—

The Salvation Army is endeavoring to raise one million dollars to carry on its work with our troops, both in this country and in France. To raise that amount, West Virginia must contribute \$30,000. The effort has the endorsement of the President, the Secretary of War, and other government officials. Hon. J. S. Darst, State Auditor, has agreed to take charge of the work in West Virginia. I have been requested to appoint a State Committee to co-operate with him and to work under him, and I have selected you as a member of that committee. I trust you will give Mr. Darst and the Army your assistance. I know it is said the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. are doing the same work, but do you think they can do too much of it? The Salvation Army does a work in peace-times no other organization can do, and the same is true in time of war. Here are some of the phases of the Salvation Army's War Work—

155 refreshment and recreation huts have been erected in the military camps of Great Britain, France and other countries, at the cost of \$350,000.

77 hostels and naval and military homes with 4,000 beds, costing over \$400,000, are in operation; extensions amounting to \$100,000 are in progress.

35 motor ambulance cars have been supplied for the war zones in France, Russia and Egypt at an expense of \$50,000.

500,000 soldiers and sailors are cared for weekly in various institutions.

41,000 food parcels and articles of clothing have been dispatched to prisoners of war and our soldiers and sailors.

30,000 relatives of service men entertained at teas and social gatherings.

About 100,000 attend the meetings weekly and many thousands have been won for Christ.

36 chaplains.

30,000 Salvationists in the trenches.

12 ambulances given by the United States of America.

7 cabins in United States camps in France.

Shall this work fail for lack of future support. The answer is with you. Mr. Darst will communicate with you, and I trust you will respond in your usual patriotic way.

Very truly yours,
J. J. Cornwell.

IN MEMORIAM

Miss Sadie Lee Gladwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gladwell, of Greenbank, was born December 11, 1893, and departed this life December 25, 1917.

The writer having known her since infancy to the time of her demise, knows her life perfectly, and can say that she was kind and considerate for those around her and was loved by all who knew her. She was a great sufferer from that dread disease tuberculosis, yet she never complained but bore it with Christian fortitude. She was a member of the M. E. Church, South, for several years. While we mourn that she has gone from us, yet we will meet her in the realms of glory if we follow her example, where no goodbyes are spoken, and no sickness ever comes.

When asked by her pastor if she was ready to die, she expressed herself that she would like to live, but if she could not live she was ready to depart. May we all be so ready! So weep not, father, mother, sisters, brother and friends, Sadie is not dead, she is only sleeping.

Sleep on dear child, and take thy rest,
God called thee home, He knoweth best.

The Marlinton News Company closed up Monday along with the other good citizens. On the door was a sign which Sam says to close and so I closed, etc. In that sign is all the wisdom of the law and the prophets. That tells the whole story. One does not reason why? That was as well stated as George Mac Donald's famous expression: "I find the doing the will of God, leaves me no time for disputing about his plans."

The snow drifts have greatly interfered with the carrying the mail over the Allegheny between Bartow and Monterey.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES

By BURT JOHNSON, County Agent

The Farmer's Week at Morgantown this year was a great success. There was a large attendance. Those from Pocahontas were Mr. and Mrs. Wilmoth, of Durbin, Miss Gayre Mann, W. A. Lightner, Uriah Hevener, J. O. Mann, C. C. Beal, W. H. Young, Tom McNeel, Henry Beard, Lynn Beard, Winters Hill, Loman Sutton, and Burt Johnson.

Miss Gayre Mann was elected president of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of the State. She is the first girl to receive this honor.

Gayre Mann got second place in the poultry club work in the State. A number of Pocahontas boys and girls got good grades on their work.

We ought to be proud of our club boys and girls for they are certainly doing a great work. Two hundred thousand club members last year produced enough food last year to feed two million soldiers for three months.

What an opportunity to help win the war! How many young people in Pocahontas are willing to enlist in this great work? It is time you are thinking about it and planning what you are going to do.

Farmers' meeting in the County Agent's Office, Saturday, January 26, at 1-30 p. m.

TOBACCO FUND

On account of the severe weather, and having to be all of my own work it has been impossible for me to get out and collect as I have been doing, and I sincerely hope that all people who feel like helping the boys will send in their subscriptions to the Tobacco Fund. A great many of the boys have written me how thankful they are for what we are doing for them, and what a help it is to them, not only for the tobacco alone, but the sentiment that it shows toward them, and the fact that the people back home are thinking of them and doing something for them personally, no matter how small.

Please do what they can toward keeping the fund going. Send in to me any subscriptions you possibly can. Another list of subscribers will be published next week.

Mrs. W. A. BRATTON.

EDRAY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

The Hampton Court Singers are a group of artists consisting of Miss Georgia Sherman, soprano, a well known Chicago concert singer; Miss Ethel Wakefield, contralto, a famous soloist; Mr. Edgar Brown, tenor, an associate of Mme. Trentini de Wolf Hopper, Julia Sanderson, and Marguerite Clark; Mr. Floyd Stevens, baritone, a student of Middleton and Elias Day; and Miss Lone Hart, reader and accompanist, who will present piano duets. They will arrive on the south bound train from Elkins, Friday.

A hunter was standing on a mountain side the other day watching for varmints, when he noticed steam arising from a hole in the ground down the mountain some ways. He went down to the place and found a path made by foxes. There must have been quite a large family holed up to judge by the way they smoked on the frosty air. Did he tell us just where the place was? He did not.

It is a difficult matter to discuss in the press but it is an important matter to the country, that the birth rate has increased so greatly since the war broke out. A man with children gives hostages to fortune, was the old rule. Now the rule is that children anchor a man at home. There are several different kinds of ways of doing your duty by your country.

The clubs and societies of this town when they meet with the members and refreshments are served, limit the menu to three items. In the interest of Mr. Hoover it is suggested that the menu be tooth-picks, spring water, and chewing gum for the duration of the war.

The campaign to raise a substantial sum for the Salvation Army in West Virginia should meet with every encouragement, and we hope to see Pocahontas county make a good showing. W. C. Householder, of Marlinton, is county chairman, and will conduct the campaign here.

The morning trains changed Sunday. The down train 141 is due at Marlinton at 8:35 and the up train 142 is due 10:25.

THE RED CROSS

The Pocahontas Chapter of the American Red Cross is composed of eight Auxiliaries. The number of new members gained by each auxiliary during the Christmas campaign is as follows: Cass, 500; Hillsboro, 130; Durbin, 108; Marlinton, 95; Clover Lick, 51; Greenbank, 50; Dunmore, 47; Huntersville, 22, making a total of 993. Raywood has organized this week, but has not reported the membership. Red Cross should have an auxiliary in every town in the county. If you wish to organize, write to Mrs. A. C. McCoy, Marlinton, and she will be glad to give you the necessary instruction, as well as the literature required to do so.

The following goods has been received since January 1st: from Hillsboro, one box operating leggings and two sweaters; Cass, one sweater; Denmar, one package bandages and old linen from Mrs. Dennison; Marlinton, one pair mitts, Mrs. J. W. Price; one muffler, Mrs. Jennie Wade; Greenbank, eight pairs of socks—splendid ones, too. In fact all of the knitted work sent in has been beautifully done. Begin now to knit, knit, knit and keep on knitting as long as our soldier boys need warm clothing. If you cannot knit, you can sew or fold surgical dressings. Mrs. John Sydenstricker, chairman of the surgical dressing department of the Red Cross, gives instructions in her department on regular work days, Tuesdays and Fridays of each week, beginning at 2 p. m., and will be glad to have all members in Marlinton or members of any auxiliary in the county who may be here between trains, to come to the Red Cross room in the First National Bank Building and help in this patriotic work. There is always something you can do. Give us a few minutes of your time on these days.

Old linens and muslins, such as table cloths, sheets and pillow cases, &c. will be gladly received and are very much needed in this department. Be sure and bring a cover all apron and white square for cap, also needles and thread when coming to the work room.

Remember, by each one doing her bit we will help win the victory in this war.

At a largely attended meeting of the Marlinton Fire Department on Monday night, D. W. Williams was recommended for chief to the Town Council; F. M. Sydnor was elected president, Lloyd Osborne, vice-president, and E. C. Ambrose, secretary and treasurer. A large number of firemen are now in the army. The treasury showed a balance of over three hundred dollars. The treasurer was directed to buy War Savings Stamps to the par value of \$300. The regular meeting night is the third Monday of each month.

An examination for postmasters of fourth class offices, to fill the position at the post offices at Arbovale and Watoga, will be held at Marlinton on February 23, 1918, beginning at 12 noon. To be eligible candidate must actually reside within the territory served by the office to be filled. Examination held by the United States Civil Service Commission.

Monday was the coldest day ever recorded in this county. On that day a screech owl took up its position on the frame on the window in the gable of Mrs. John S. Moore's house in town, and maintained its place in full sight of the street all day.

It is apparent now that the railroad is the goose that lays the industrial golden egg, and that they have not been allowed to develop in the way that they should have been. The country has been killing the goose which laid the golden egg.

The closing law was well observed in this county. The object being to let the railroads catch up on the freight hauling, it was immaterial in the opinion of most advisers whether the industry used wood or coal as fuel.

The boys tried to construe the Fuel Order into an order to shut down the schools but it did not work as yet. The schools already give up two days in the week.

Why would it not be a very graceful thing for schools to give Monday instead of Saturday as a holiday during the next ten weeks.

Another pleasant healthy fall of snow Monday night owing to the unusual warm weather. These snow showers are very refreshing.

Marlinton Garage (Attention)

At the beginning of a New Year. We desire to thank all of our patrons for their past patronage, and solicit their custom for the future. During the cold months, while not running much is a good time to have your ears cleaned and repaired, for which we have two competent workmen in our shop. Send in your cars.

We will endeavor in the future as in the past, to keep in stock for your use, the best line of supplies and accessories that the market affords for the money. But as we have to pay cash for these, we will ask our patrons to be prompt in settlement of their accounts, as in this way only are we able to keep what you need and have to have, if you get service and pleasure out of motoring.

Stop in and see our stock whether you want to buy or not.
Yours very truly,
F. T. McCLINTIC, Proprietor.
Marlinton Garage.

COLD WEATHER

FREEZE, FREEZE, THOU BITTER SKY

The people have gotten so used to zero weather that they cannot tell that it is zero weather except by looking at a thermometer, and they vary as much as a dozen degrees. The government station is about an average. We looked at one the other morning that showed 18 below and at another on the other side of the street that said 36 below. Average 27 below. And that is what the weather bureau thermometer showed.

A man went whistling to his work Monday morning, and the notes froze in the air and dropped on the sidewalk with a tinkling sound.

S. L. Brown, the Observer, has prepared the following table of zero mornings in January; the figures show number of degrees below:

January 1	4
2	3
3	8
4	16
5	6
6	11
7	6
8	13
9	14
10	16
11	19
12	12
13	20
14	21
15	27

The warmest moment of January up to the 21st was 34 above zero on the 6th. Under such circumstances it is no wonder that snow becomes permanent like sand and other indestructible substances.

MARLINTON METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. W. D. Keene, Pastor.
Sunday school promptly at 9:45. We had a large attendance on last Sunday. Let it continue. The pastor will preach at both the morning and evening service. At the morning hour the subject is "Gather up the fragments that remain that nothing be lost." The Sunday school will have a part in the program, as suggested by Mr. Hoover, the Food Commissioner. The members of the church are urged to come out and hear this sermon on "Fragments." Epworth League at 7 o'clock. At the 7:30 hour the pastor will continue his series of sermons that he is preaching on some of the character in Genesis. This Sunday evening the subject will be "Some Lessons from the Life of Abraham." Special music at both services.

Last week Marlinton's basket-ball team played in hard luck—Elkins High defeated Edray District High at Elkins 81 to 26; at Lewisburg the town team met defeat; at Hinton the girls of the High School were defeated 46 to 6.

Sergeant Fred McLaughlin, who is stationed at Anniston, Alabama, is home on a short furlough. He is with the hospital corps, and is now quite a veteran, having seen service on the Mexican border last year.

The unmarried men of class one are being summoned at this time for physical examination.

W. O. Jack has bought a farm in Fluvanna County, Virginia. He is advertising his personal property for sale on February 15.

CASS

Dr. W. A. Hammen went to Elkins last Saturday to spend the week end with Mrs. Hammen who is a surgical patient in Davis Memorial Hospital. She is recovering nicely and will soon be at home again.

Our schools are making splendid progress under the direction of Miss Lottie Cunningham and her efficient corps of teachers. Miss Lena McGraw recently took charge of the sixth grade in the place of Warren Moore who resigned to accept a position with the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company.

Miss Catherine Graham left last week for Washington, D. C. where she will enter college.

Miss Valley Nethkin returned to Lewisburg where she will resume her studies in the Lewisburg Seminary.

Mrs. Allie Griffith has returned after quite an extended visit to her daughter Mrs. Grover Woodell at Rainelle.

Albert Harouff, Fred Lynch, Jess Sharp and Dana Scott were some of our soldier boys from Camp Lee who were greeting their many friends while on a furlough last week. We were sorry they could not stay longer.

Miss Jennie Warner, with her sister Miss Fairy Warner, of Marlinton, accompanied Jesse Shaffer to Elkins to visit his sister, Mrs. W. A. Fink, during his furlough from Camp Lee.

Elmer Heaster, a student of the High school at Marlinton, spent the week end with his parents at the Mountain Inn.

The class Red Cross Auxiliary will open their sewing room as soon as arrangements can be made, in the front room, first floor of the Masonic Temple. The Lodge has kindly extended this courtesy and the room is being put in order and finished suitably for the purpose. Our women have been busy knitting and have a nice consignment of comfortable sweaters, socks and wristlets ready to send out, and will be sent to headquarters this week to be distributed among the soldier boys where most needed.

Mrs. Forest Stitzinger brought her little daughter Eleanor home from the Marlinton Hospital where she had been very ill with pneumonia. She is recovering nicely.

LOCUST CREEK

Misses Eva and Vernie McCoy made a trip to Marlinton Saturday.

Calvin May was at Marlinton on business Saturday.

Arnold McCoy, of Beard, has been visiting at Mr. Robertson's the past week.

J. V. May was in Marlinton Monday.

Miss Mildred McKeever spent Sunday with her sister, Miss Ada McKeever, at Watoga.

A. V. May is at Belington.

John Sheets is on the sick list. John McCoy has purchased a new sleigh and many of the girls are looking forward to sleigh rides.

Glenn Sheets made a flying trip to Marlinton, last week.

Four kinds of owls in this country at least. The little round headed one is the saw-whet. His tone is the least musical. Then the screech owl, whose tone is mournful. Then the hoot owl whose tone is loud and round. And the barred owl out in the big mountains which can out scream a panther. Are there any other owls in this county?

Trade Acceptances

One of the more advantageous methods of borrowing encouraged by the Federal Reserve Banking System, of which we are members, is the "Trade Acceptance."

This is a draft drawn by the seller of goods on the purchaser and accepted by the latter. It converts a book debt into a piece of negotiable paper especially advantageous to borrow upon at a bank.



Drop in and let us tell you more about these drafts and discuss whether it is practicable to use them in your business.

First National Bank

Marlinton, W. Va.



You Save A Little

but may lose a lot, if you do not take out a policy of fire insurance in time. You are gambling with fate. You may pay one premium or fifty, yet your property camgo up in smoke at any time. Bewise and take out your policy with us before you have regrets.

HUNTER & ECHOLS INSURANCE AGENCY INC.

F. M. SYDNOR, MANAGER

Marlinton, West Virginia.